

# MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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## County Historian's Report, June 2016 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

### Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Represented the Local History Room at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
- Provided educational programming to 314 county students at the History Room and in the classroom
- Wrote a newspaper column about the "mysterious brown building on West Wisconsin Street; researched said building, including conducting interviews with people associated with it
- Began planning for "Art Outdoors" event at Grotto, including meeting with the artists, ordering supplies, creating promotional materials, promoting the event
- Beautified the Grotto for the season (landscaping, planting, weeding, etc.), working with volunteers and Community Service crew
- Met with Webteam to discuss redesigning the Local History Room website and adapting it to be "portable device friendly"
- Processed recently donated items, assigning object numbers, photographing the items, cataloging them in Past Perfect
- Attended county management training session
- Consulted with BLU Group to develop new logo for the Local History Room
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provide customer service to museum visitors; assign storage locations, catalog, and photograph artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; check fire extinguishers; process new donation offerings; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend monthly meetings (Ag/Ex Committee, Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee, Dept Heads, MCHS)

### In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; answer research requests
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate )
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Gus (student): rehousing county court records; other duties as assigned
- Sandy Walterman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: rehousing county court records; other duties as assigned

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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3 AMENDING LOCAL HISTORY ROOM INVESTMENT OPTIONS

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5 WHEREAS, under Monroe County Resolution No. 74-78 and Sec. 2-266 of the Monroe County  
6 Code the Local History Room Board of Trustees are limited to invest all funds "in trust at  
7 interest in an endowment fund account" of the county and such funds "shall be so invested to  
8 accrue the highest rate of interest." and  
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10 WHEREAS, the use of "interest" in the resolution and ordinance restricts the type of investments  
11 to fixed income items such as certificate of deposits or bonds; and  
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13 WHEREAS, current interest rates continue to offer low rates of return; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Local History Room Board of Trustees requests the authority to be able to  
16 invest in a broader set of investment vehicles and seek a high rate of return; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Natural Resources & Extension Committee has reviewed the request and agrees  
19 with it.  
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21 \* THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Monroe County Board of Supervisors hereby amends  
22 Resolution No. 74-78 to allow for investment of funds held in trust to be at the highest rate of  
23 return in a moderately aggressive portfolio.  
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25 FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that section 2-266 of the General Code of the County of Monroe,  
26 Wisconsin is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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28 Sec. 2-266. - Funds.  
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30 (a) All funds received by the board of trustees shall be placed in trust in an endowment fund  
31 account of the county. Subsidiary detail of such account shall be maintained to provide  
32 accurate information on the balance held and such account shall not lapse and shall be a  
33 long-term account which has continuing activities to it, as duly authorized by the county  
34 board of supervisors, and shall be carried forward each year.

35 (b) Such funds shall be so invested in a moderately aggressive investment portfolio. The  
36 ~~\* income~~ accruing therefrom shall be used by the board of trustees under the direction of  
37 the Natural Resources & Extension Committee who shall prepare and submit its annual  
38 budget for approval before the county board of supervisors.

39 (c) The corpus of such funds shall not be used for salary for employees of the local history  
40 room until there has accumulated sufficient ~~\* income~~ from the trust investment to cover  
41 such salaries and all the expenses of operating the local history room.  
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43 Offered this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

44 *interest changed to income*  
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46 By the Natural Resources & Extension Committee:

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48 Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes; \_\_\_\_\_ No.

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56 Purpose: To allow a broader range of investments for the Local History Room endowment.

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58 Fiscal Note: No impact to the county budget other than cost of amending a county ordinance.

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60 Drafted and approved by Corporation Counsel

## July 13, 2016 LCD – Staff Reports

### Bob Micheel – County Conservationist

#### **Tri-Creek Property:**

- The Vernon County LCD completed the mowing of 7 dams in Portland Township. The Norwalk Snowmobile club will mow the Tri-Creek Dam.
- Tri-Creek Land Use Planning Committee met June 20<sup>th</sup>, presentation by Bill Quackenbush: Ho-Chunk Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Division Manager. Plan to review the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Land Use Plan.

#### **Construction:**

- John Durbrow stream project on Poe Creek– Muehlenkamp Excavating contractor.

#### **Sparta Phosphorous Trading Project:**

- July 21<sup>st</sup> – Stream projects start on Farmers Valley Creek (Fisherman's Park), Beaver Creek and the La Crosse River. Oak Brook TU planning to assist on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and contribute funds to the Farmers Valley Creek project. Holtz Lime and Gravel contractor

#### **Lake Tomah Committee:**

- On-Going meetings to develop a strategic plan to address the phosphorous levels in Lake Tomah.

#### **Fort McCoy – Adaptive Management Project**

- Meeting/talking with potential agricultural trade partners in the Tarr Creek watershed.

#### **Oak Management Workshop Planning Committee:**

- Workshop scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Jim Moede Farm near Portland. Target non-engaged landowners by developing interest in Oak/Young Forest Management.
- Next meeting is this afternoon.

## July 13, 2016 LCD – Staff Reports

### DNR - NOD/NOI Application

- Merv Vaassan beef operation on the headwaters of the Baraboo River near Kendall.

### LCD Business:

- Interviews completed for the LCD Administrative Assistant Position.
- Budget process open, August 22<sup>nd</sup> department deadline for submittal.

### Meeting Schedule:

- Oak Mgt. Committee meeting – July 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm
- Monroe/La Crosse County Geology tour – July 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-3pm
- County Conservationist Meeting – July 21<sup>st</sup>
- CRP Management Meeting – July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Oak Brook TU – Field Day – July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Lake Tomah/City of Tomah committee meeting - August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- WLWCA – Technical/Professional Conference planning meeting – August 9<sup>th</sup>
- Natural Resource & Extension Committee Meeting – August 9<sup>th</sup>

## July 13, 2016 LCD – Staff Reports

### Christina Mulder – Soil & Water Conservationist

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
  - David Stutzman has signed a conservation plan to be eligible for FPP.
  - Donald Frohmader has signed a conservation to be eligible for FPP.
- **Conservation Practice Designs**
  - Currently working on a waterway repair and wood toe-wall design for Jim Gehring (Adrian Township) and La Crosse River restoration design for Northern Engraving.

### Bryce Richardson – Soil & Water Conservationist

- **Construction**
  - Ongoing construction of Manure Storage Structure for Brian Henze. Walls and slab have been poured. Finishing protective fence and heavy use areas.
  - Waste Transfer for Gerald Klinkner poured. Waiting on contractor to finish safety fence.
  - Critical Area for Melanie Faust completed.
  - Grade Stabilization Structure for Red Queen completed.
  - Site Showing and Bids received for a Grassed Waterway and Streambank Riprap
  - Stream Crossing, Waterway Repair (2), Access Road and Streambank Riprap scheduled to start mid-July.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
  - The operator mentioned in last month's report has continued to operate without a reclamation permit. Two visual inspections have confirmed active mining is occurring. Operator has been provided with all information needed to complete a reclamation plan. Operator has also been referred to our DNR Stormwater Specialist due to operating without a DNR permit. A letter from DNR has been sent to the operator explaining what is needed to apply for a permit and that he is considered in violation if he is mining prior to receiving the stormwater permit.

## July 13, 2016 LCD – Staff Reports

- Mining Summary:
- 37 Active Mines (currently making or taking product from a site)
- 8 Inactive Mines (Permitted but not currently mining)
- 1252.5 Active Acres currently being mined in Monroe Co.
- Over 12.3 million dollars in Financial Assurance in the form of a bond or letter of credit that assures Monroe County has funds to reclaim a site in the event that an operator does not complete reclamation. Cost per acre to reclaim range from \$1500 to \$10,000 per acre depending on the quarry and product.

### Cost Share Approvals (6)

- Petersen Farms- Grassed Waterway
- Leroy Keim - Streambank Riprap
- Jason Wiedmeyer - Manure Storage
- Jarred Carlisle - Cattle Access (2)
- Ernie Leis - Grade Stabilization Structure
- Chester Borntregger - Streambank Riprap

## Forestry & Parks Report – Ziegler (July)

### Forestry:

- Fire Supression Billing
- Completed Habhegger Access Permission
- WDNR's 2016 Fiscal year time standards= 381 hours
- Tri-Creek planning meeting
- Invasive treatment – garlic mustard, Japanese Barberry, Honey suckle, buckthorn . . . ski hill
- Invasive treatment – spotted knapweed. . . Lincoln and New Lyme
- Update on Meteor Timber Proposal - Grant
- Oak management workshop planning

### Parks:

- 2017 Budget preparation
- Dept Head Meeting

## Joshua L. Goede



### 4-H & Youth Conference

The Agent traveled with four Monroe County youth to Madison June 20-23 for 4-H & Youth Conference. The four youth co-taught with the Agent and the St. Croix County Agent. They presented to their peers. One taught on Space and three taught on survival skills and preparedness. The youth did outstanding. They received 97% approval for their session.

### Science Days

The Summer Assistant had a great turn out for both science days. She did a great job finding experiments that were exciting, educational, and repeatable.

### Day Trip

The third annual 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Day Trip will be on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to the Kinestone Circle Permaculture Center in Fountain City, WI and to the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona, MN. We will learn about Permaculture, see large megaliths, and see paintings by artists such as Picasso and Van Gogh. We currently have 12 kids signed up to attend. The art museum will be reimbursing us for the van rental.

### Foods Review

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 4-H Foods Review at the United Methodist Church in Sparta. This is a fun event for kids to look at meal planning and nutrition along with cooking.

### Fair

Preparations for Monroe County Fair are in full swing. We have been working to schedule volunteers, as well as create exhibit hall awards.

### National Night Out

On Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Agent and Summer Assistant will be attending National Night Out at Winnebago Park in Tomah. This year's booth will focus on prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse. Along with the booth, we will have interactive activities for the kids to participate in throughout the night.

### Summer Camp

2016 Summer Camp is a go. We have 50 campers attending. That is 25 more than usual. We have a dedicated and passionate group of youth counselors who will be helping to deliver programming.

### Continuing Programs

- Jr. Leaders
  - Ice Cream stand at tractor pull and fair
  - Finalizing Road Trip August 19-21
- Youth Protection Program
  - Have trained 3 more volunteers
- Summer Programs
  - The 3-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Road Trip will be July 15<sup>th</sup> to Winona MN, and Fountain City WI. The Winona Art Museum will reimburse the van rental.
- July 20, Foods Review
- Summer Camp will be August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Monroe County will be on our own this year. 2017 will be with the new area team minus LaCrosse.
- Clover Camp will be August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Aug. 19-21 Jr. Leader Road Trip

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### Upcoming Events

**Fri Jul 15, 2016**

**Upham Woods Open Summer Camp**

**Where:** Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells

**7:30am MOCO4-H 3rd -5th Grade Day Trip**

**Where:** Winona MN & Fountain City WI

**Tue Jul 19, 2016**

**6:30pm White Exhibit Building Set-up Clean-up**

**Where:** Recreation Park, Butts Ave. Tomah, WI

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**Where:**

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**Where:** UWEX Office Smart Room

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**Jul 27-31, 2016**

**2016 Monroe County Fair**

**Where:** Recreation Park, Butts Ave, Tomah WI

**Tues Aug 2, 2016**

**4pm National Night Out**

**Where:** Winnebago Park, Tomah, WI

**Aug 4-14, 2016**

**Wisconsin State Fair**

**Where:** Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84<sup>th</sup> St,  
West Allis, WI 53214

**Aug 5-8, 2016**

**2016 Monroe Cty 4-H Summer Camp**

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**Jr. Leader Road Trip**

**Where:** Superior, WI

**Sat Aug 20, 2016**

**8am Clover Camp**

**Where:** Information Coming Soon

## Brittany Kuderer



### Tractor Safety

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I worked with the Tractor Safety instructor team at the Sparta Barney Community Center. During this time, I helped provide a review for the in-classroom portion of the course, as well as administer the written test.

### Assisting Ag Agent

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, I went to the corn plot in Tomah with the Ag Agent, where I assisted in taking soil samples and spreading fertilizer.

### Tractor Pull

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, I spent the evening supervising the youth that were working in the 4-H Food Stand at the Tomah Tractor Pull.

### Newsletter

I contributed several short articles about recent and upcoming 4-H events in July/August newsletter. I also included information and registration links for the day trip, coming up on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 4-H Family Picnic

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the 4-H Family Picnic was held in Cataract. I arranged Senior Awards for this, as well as activities for the Junior Leaders to do with the kids.

### Science Days 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

The Girls and Boys Science Days were held on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, respectively, at Rolling Hills. We had a good turnout for both days; 11 girls and 7 boys attended. They completed 6 different experiments throughout the day, some of which were integrated with history, math, and technology. We once again received many positive reviews after both events.

### Day Trip

I have currently been planning our day trip for 4-H youth in third through sixth grades. On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to the Kinstone Circle Permaculture Center in Fountain City, WI and to the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona, MN. We will learn about Permaculture, see large megaliths, and see paintings by artists such as Picasso and Van Gogh. We currently have 12 kids signed up to attend. The art museum will be reimbursing us for the van rental.

### Foods Review

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### Fair

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### National Night Out

On Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 4-H agent and I will be attending National Night Out at Winnebago Park in Tomah. This is a night where various businesses and agencies in the county come together to promote safety. Our booth this year will focus on alcohol and other drug abuse. Along with the booth, we will have interactive activities for the kids to participate in throughout the night.

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### Summer Camp *50 base camp*

Camp planning is in full swing. We will be at Upham Woods August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Outpost experience was saved, as we will now have 15 youth attending. We have some great youth signed up as counselors, and I have begun to attend their training sessions, where we have been teaching them about working with different ages of youth. I have recently sent out invoices to all of the families who have kids going to camp, and will be beginning to work on the camp schedule, handbook, and buttons. My main role at camp this year will be to coordinate and run crafts. I will also supervise counselor-led groups around camp.

### Continuing Programs

- Jr. Leaders
  - Ice Cream stand at tractor pull and fair
  - Finalizing Road Trip August 19-21
- Youth Protection Program
  - Have trained 6 more volunteers, appointments for two more
- Shooting Sports
- Shotgun/.22 Rifle June
- Summer Programs
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Erin Eggert  
Family Living Agent

## Family Living Update June 14 to July 12, 2016

- First Year Review
  - My 1 year was on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I had my First Year Review with my liaison Lori Zierl, and my mentor Jane Schaaf from UW-Extension. They thought I was doing a great job and were happy with what I have accomplished so far.
- StrongWomen
  - 38 previous participants signed up for a summer session. I decreased the number of sessions from 2 in Tomah and 2 in Sparta to 1 in each location for the summer. I was expecting maybe 10 people in each location for the summer so I am very pleased with the numbers we actually got!
  - I was able to secure a new location in Tomah for the summer (The Methodist Church) which has air conditioning as well. I am planning on moving back to the Recreation Building for the Fall sessions.
  - I am still looking for a new location for a Fall evening class in Tomah. I emailed a couple of the local churches and got a "no" back from 2 of them but no response yet from some. The Barney Center has their own programs going on in the evening so they are unable to hold the class. A lot of people have requested an evening class and I do have someone willing to teach at that time, so I just need a space! If anyone has any ideas I would love to look into them!
  - I am taking the summer off from teaching StrongWomen, which will give me an opportunity to focus on the other projects I have going on.
- Food Pantry Project
  - We are doing "Client Surveys" all of this week at 7 different food pantries. It is a two-page survey asking Food Pantry Patrons what they would like more of at the pantry, and what types of support they would like more of.
- Healthy Fair Food

- The fair is coming up! Josh & I sent out an email to try to recruit 4H kids to help staff the survey, but unfortunately there was minimal response for that. So it looks like I will be staffing the survey at the fair!
- I've been making posters that I plan to hang up and refining the survey itself.
- I'm really excited about this project! I'm really hoping to have a great response and am still looking for some help in staffing. So if you know anyone who wants to put "Volunteer Research Assistant" on their resume, 4H student or not, please have them contact me! All they have to do is ask people at the fair to take a brief survey!
- I've also been looking for money and donations as incentives to take the survey. I've received \$40.00 from Kwiktrip so everyone who takes the survey will be entered to win one of xx number of gift cards.
- Intern
  - I applied and got an intern from Wisconsin AHEC (Area Health Education Centers). The student will assist me on the Food Pantry Project as well as my Fair Food project. They will mostly be working remotely (they're located in Madison) by assisting me with data dissemination, but they will also make a few trips up to assist with Food Pantry surveys for the Fall.
- Partner Physical Activity Program
  - Working with Angie Flickinger out of Rock County to develop a low-cost, minimal equipment needed (just a bath or beach towel) physical activity program called "Stronger Together". We're still finalizing edits and then working on planning a training session to be held in Madison at the end of August.
- Safe & Healthy Food Pantries Project-State Level
  - Working on developing a training for other counties which I will assist in leading in August.

### Continuing Events

- Newspaper articles to Tomah and Sparta newspapers
- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

### Upcoming Events

- Continuing with Food Pantry Assessments and state-level Safe & Healthy Food Pantry Project Training Team
- Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Webinar Meetings 7/14 and 7/15
- Community/Coaching Coalition Training in Madison 7/19-7/21
- Monroe County Fair 7/27-7/31
- National Night Out-August 2nd



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

## **Agriculture Extension Update June 14, 2016 through July 12, 2016**

A small Fruit Workshop was held at Field of Dreams Blueberries, between Tomah and Warrens. Presenters were Dr. Patty McManus, UW Fruit Crop Pathologist, Dr. Christelle Guedot, UW Fruit Crop Entomologist, and Dr. Amaya Atucha, UW Fruit Crop Production Specialist. The field day included a tour of the blueberry bushes at the host farm. Sixteen commercial small fruit growers attended the workshop. Participants indicated the information they learned was valuable for their operations.

A Quickbooks workshop was held in cooperation with State Bank Financial Bank of Sparta for farm managers on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The audience was unique from previous workshops in that all participants already were using Quickbooks. This provided an opportunity for adopting into the format of the day more discussion and answering questions regarding specific questions participants had. The audience farm operations were diverse in that we had two cranberry growers, and four diversified farms who also did a fair amount of custom farming. Instructors for the class were Jenny Vanderlin, UW Center for Dairy Profitability, Jenny Carter, CPA, and the Ag Agent.

The Tractor and Machinery Safety Class was held June 20 through 22 at Sparta. There were 27 participants this year in the class. All of them passed. Instructors included the Ag Teachers from Tomah, Brookwood, and Sparta along with the Extension Summer Assistant, and the Ag Agent. The class is a combination of classroom training and driving practicum, and includes tests on both.

A crop management field day was held on July 7<sup>th</sup> near Tomah. Presenters included Dr. Damon Smith, UW Extension Field Crop Pathologist, UW IPM Program Coordinator Bryan Jensen, and the Ag Agent. Discussions addressed mid and late season disease and insect scouting and management. There were 45 participants at the workshop. There were a number of one on one discussions after the formal discussions on a wide range of crop related topics.

A number of farm visits were made to help troubleshoot an assortment of problems in a variety of crops (both field crops and horticulture crops) over the past month.

The Nitrogen rate plot is going well to date. NDVI images were captured on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather is causing some problems with the seed maggot trial, but we are working through it.

Preparations for the County Fair have greatly increased over the past month.

### **Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized**

July 15 Herbicide Field Day- Rochester MN

July 18-21 Farm Technology Days

July 23- Fair Set Up – morning

July 27 – 31 Monroe County Fair

August 3 Carcass Evaluation

September- Beef Cow-calf Workshop

October 3 Bovine Emergency Response Training for Emergency responders- Volk Field